

ARREST CAUSES GREAT SURPRISE

Prominent Man Charged With Burning His Mill to Get Insurance Money.

NEW LINE TO COAL FIELDS

Opens Up Splendid Opportunities in Rich Agricultural Section.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Bris, Va., November 14.—The arrest this week of Ellis Kendrick, a prominent business man, on the charge of having burned his own flouring mill to recover an insurance policy of \$10,000 on the property, came as a great surprise to the people of this community. The accused man is a son of Captain W. J. Kendrick, one of the most prominent and influential men in the county, and his several sons have always lived above suspicion, so far as is known here.

Mr. Kendrick bought the mill property from W. H. Aston, and at the time of the purchase the property was covered with the insurance policy referred to.

The arrest of Ellis Kendrick followed an investigation made by a detective agency. The accused was held to appear before Magistrate Crabtree, his bond being placed at \$25,000. He is to be given a preliminary hearing on the 18th instant.

According to a telegram received here by Mrs. G. S. Miller, her nephew, Eugene Garrett, twenty-three years of age, was killed in a motorcycle accident in Denver, Col., on Monday of this week. No details of the accident have been received. Young Garrett, who was employed as a surveyor, was a son of D. W. Garrett, now residing in New Mexico. The young man left Bristol about six months ago.

The Rev. Marvin McFerrin, who has been the pastor in charge of the Presbyterian Church at Marion for several years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Green Street Presbyterian Church in Augusta, Ga. He will enter upon his new duties December 1. He is a son of Dr. J. G. McFerrin, of Bristol.

The completion of the Holston River Railroad, a direct line from the Virginia coal fields through East Tennessee for Carolina and the opportunities, has opened up new opportunities, which are now being taken advantage of. Although the road has been in active operation less than a year, some important banking establishments and industries are springing up along the line.

At Surgoinsville, on this new road, in the fertile agricultural section of Hawkins County, Tenn., not many miles distant from the Virginia line, the Holston Valley Bank has been organized, and the institution is proving successful. The officers are W. D. Lyons, president; A. D. Barber, cashier. Another bank has recently been organized at Church Hill, in the same county, on the same line of road. This institution is headed by A. D. Strode, a Virginian. Mr. Strode is experienced in the banking business.

At Bull's Gap, where this road connects with the main line of the Southern Railway, real estate has risen rapidly in value, and already much has been done in the way of building. Fifty houses are needed there now, it is stated, to accommodate the large influx in population, including many railroad men and their families, who have recently located there.

It is said that there is good prospect for the establishment of a large cotton mill at Bull's Gap. Capitalists have been figuring on the property of W. H. Addison with this in view. This location is sought on account of its convenience to the Virginia coal fields and because of the railroad facilities afforded for marketing manufactured products. It is believed the deal will be consummated, in which event the new railroad town will be made the home of one of the largest cotton mills ever proposed for Eastern Tennessee.

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MOTHER DECLARES CHILD NOT HERS

(Continued From First Page.)

Dr. Nuckols was told of the wild rumors of Mrs. Merriman last Saturday by the patient's nurse, Miss Virginia Mullins, a pupil, and he reported the matter to the Health Department. At the time of the birth of the child Dr. Nuckols made a report of the strange circumstances surrounding the case. His suspicion was aroused from the first, he said.

That Mrs. Merriman's delirious statements were worthy of consideration Dr. Nuckols admitted, but said he was not prepared to say whether they were credible.

Replying to a question from Dr. Taylor, he said that the patient had apparently recovered to answer questions, and it was at this point that Dr. Taylor suggested that Captain McMahon interview her. Before going to the hospital, however, Captain McMahon heard Merriman's confession made to him at the Second Police Station the night of the arrest. Portions of it were incorporated in the record.

The salient point in this case was that Merriman said that the child was killed on the night of October 28, while with himself and wife, in some manner unknown to him, and that at 5 o'clock the following morning he took it to the woodhouse and buried it.

Nurse's Story.

Miss Mullins, who was the first witness called, had nursed Mrs. Merriman, who is about twenty-three years old, since she was admitted to the hospital.

She told of the patient's delirium and her repeated ramblings about the baby, the gas, the woodhouse and Charlie, her husband. She asked the nurse, while unconscious, whether the baby would be reported alive, and if Charlie would be sent to the electric chair.

Miss Mullins testified that Mrs. Merriman never stated that her husband had killed the child. In rational intervals she never mentioned her husband or the child.

Sergeant Wiley was also a witness. He told of the finding of the body in the woodhouse and the arrest of Merriman.

After Captain McMahon had added to the involved case, with Mrs. Merriman's denial, Dr. Taylor explained that it had been utterly impossible for him to tell how the child had met its death. Decomposition, due to the fact that it had been buried and in lime, for two weeks, made an autopsy useless.

In his cell at the City Jail Merriman spends most of his time gazing out of a window facing Broad Street. He displays little interest and no emotion. He does not read newspapers, and his only requests so far have been for cigarettes, of which he smokes very few.

Merriman will be arraigned in Police Court this morning for a preliminary hearing on the murder charge.

The condition of his wife is said to be steadily improving.

ELLETT'S WOUNDS HEALING

Bank President, Run Down by Auto, Expected to Leave Hospital To-Day

John A. Ellett, president of the National City and City Bank, who was run down by an automobile on lower Main Street a week ago, is making rapid headway against his injuries in the Memorial Hospital, and is expected to leave to-day or to-morrow. The bandage was removed from his head yesterday, and all that is required is time and rest to complete the healing process.

Neuro Fractures Skull When He Tumbled from Main Street Bridge.

Ben Johnson, a colored man, about forty years old, was fatally injured yesterday afternoon when he fell from May's bridge, in the course of construction, landed in the river, struck his head on a rock, fracturing his skull. Dr. H. T. Haskins, City Hospital ambulance surgeon, Johnson, who had been dragged from the river by fellow workmen, to the Virginia Hospital, died in a few hours.

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Street Car Hits Wagon.

W. S. Whitner, driver for May's & Co., of 112 East Gay Street, was slightly injured yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock when his wagon was hit by a car of the Broad and Main division of the Virginia Railway and Power Company at Glimmer and Broad Streets. The wagon was somewhat damaged by the collision.

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SUFFRAGISTS AND ANTIS IN SESSION

Hostile Camps Meet at Safe Distance, and No Blood Is Shed.

Two hostile camps of women met in the city yesterday, one flying the banner of suffrage for women, and the other flaunting the colors of the Virginia Association Opposed to Woman's Suffrage. The militants met in the hall of the Equal Suffrage League, at Eighth and Broad. At a safe distance away, in the home of Mrs. Politanna Robinson, 3181-J West Franklin Street, the hostile organization gathered its cohorts.

Mrs. Jane Rutherford, president of the Virginia Association Opposed to Woman's Suffrage, presided over the anti. The meeting was devoted to business purely. There were no talks. The members voted to increase the size of the executive committee to take care of augmented business. They voted also to send delegates to the annual meeting of the national association which takes place in New York on December 10. The delegates, as well as the new members of the executive committee, will be named at a later meeting.

Suffragettes Too.

The feature of the suffrage meeting, which took place at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, was a paper prepared by James B. Doherty, State Commissioner of Labor, and read by Mr. Owens, of the commissioner's office. Mr. Doherty, owing to a previous engagement, was unable to be present. An address was also made by J. H. Brawley, of Los Angeles, Cal.

In his paper Mr. Doherty reviewed the history of remedial legislation in Virginia, particularly as regards the safeguarding of women and children in their various fields of labor. Much of the progress in this field of legislation, he said, was due directly to the earnest efforts of the patriotic women of the State. The department of labor, more than other in the State government, he said, had enlisted the co-operation of the women.

C. & O. PROMOTES KING

Employees Present Gold Token to Departing Division Superintendent.

E. J. King, division superintendent of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, with headquarters in this city, yesterday ordered to the Huntington division, and will leave for his new post to-morrow. The transfer involves a promotion, and is a tribute to the efficiency of Mr. King's administration in this city.

The employees of the superintendent and his staff, who were present yesterday in presenting to their departing chief a handsome gold watchchain and diamond-studded chain, W. M. Bickers presented the gift and expressed the good wishes and congratulations of the donors.

Mr. King replied in kind words and spoke with feeling his appreciation of the kindness shown by his one-time force. He will be succeeded in this city by H. H. Morris, who comes with strong recommendations from the Huntington branch.

Building Permits.

Building and repair permits were issued yesterday as follows:

Monroe Realty Company (Inc.), to erect three-story brick tenements, six dwellings, on the corner of Main and Second streets, between Sheppard and West Streets, to cost \$10,000.

Thomas L. Nicholas, administrator, to repair a frame dwelling, 114 McDonough Street, to cost \$250.

Harvey C. Brown, to erect a two-story brick and plastered dwelling, 200-204 1/2 Park Avenue, to cost \$10,000.

FALL PROVES FATAL

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Boys' Overcoats, \$5 to \$14.

MISSIONARY WORK DEPENDS ON PRAYER

Continuance of Endeavor Urged by Council at Its Closing Session.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Norfolk, Va., November 14.—Resolutions urging a continuance of missionary endeavor by the Episcopal Church was the feature of the closing session of the Missionary Council of the Third Department of the Protestant Episcopal Church in America, which has been meeting at St. Luke's Church.

The gist of the convention was contained in the report of the committee on "How to Start Work," which was the subject of discussion on Wednesday.

This report was presented by Rev. William H. Laird, of Wilmington, Del., and was unanimously adopted.

The health and strength of missionary work depends altogether on prayer on the part of all members of the church was the sense of the subdivision of the report dealing with "Devotional Preparation," and a resolution was adopted in this connection that a standing committee of one bishop, two priests and two laymen be appointed to cooperate with the bishops and diocesan authorities in devising ways and means by which the devotional missionary life of the dioceses and parishes in the department may be stimulated and enriched, and that a special day for missionary intercession be observed.

The report of the conference on organization was read by Bishop Gardiner, in which a uniform plan was suggested to be carried out throughout the country, and that a canon be introduced at the next general conference perfecting a unity plan.

Rev. Arthur B. Kinsolving, of Baltimore, spoke of "The plan of campaign, including the national and international program of policies of the Board of Missions." This subject was also discussed by John W. Wood, of New York.

An interesting feature of the session was "The Question Box," which was conducted by Bishop Laird.

Special attention will be devoted to missions in the mountains. The school at Lawrenceville was heartily endorsed and complimented on the work it is doing to educate the negro.

Bishop Rhinelander was elected to the board of missions, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. G. W. Peterkin, the Bishop of West Virginia.

The Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, Bishop of Bethlehem; Rev. Otis Meade and Henry Bonnell were named as a committee to form a plan to work among schools and colleges to spread the missionary movement. It was suggested that missionary societies be formed at the various educational institutions. This will be decided upon by the committee.

The executive committee of the general board of religious education held a meeting in the afternoon to go over work of the conference, and will hold another meeting this afternoon.

A mass-meeting of Sunday school workers was held tonight at St. Luke's, with Bishop Randolph presiding. The speakers were Rev. William E. Gardner, Rev. Richard P. Williams, Rev. Edward P. Mitman and Rev. Llewellyn N. Coley.

The following were elected as the court of review: Rev. S. Moore, D. D.; Rev. J. J. Graves, D. D.; Rev. H. W. Diller, General Wharton Pepper, of Pennsylvania; Eugene C. Massey, of Virginia, and E. G. Bradford, of Delaware.

The conference meets in 1914 at Pittsburgh, Pa.

News of South Richmond

BUILDING ON BOOM

Huge Factory, Bank, Stores, Office Buildings and Dwellings Being Erected.

Building operations on the south side of the James are on the boom. Many new structures are now under construction, while nearly a dozen more will be started within the next few weeks. Most of the new work, especially on business houses, is being done on Hull Street, although dwellings are being erected throughout the entire section.

Among the work now under way is a store at Seventh and Hull, a \$40,000 bank building at Twelfth and Hull, and several smaller buildings on the upper part of the street. A permit to build three stores, at a cost of \$20,000, on Hull, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth Streets, was granted this week. Work on these will begin at once.

The Old Tavern property has been sold at auction. The building is to be torn down within thirty days. Several stores will be built on the site.

One of the largest pieces of work planned for the Southside is the erection of a twelve-story building, which will be occupied by the Southern Manufacturing Company. The site, at Ninth and Perry Streets, has been staked off, and a large force of workmen has started excavating for the basement. The actual construction work will start in a short time.

Another large piece of work will be the remodeling of the Leader Building, which will be made into an up-to-date office building. The Manchester National Bank and the municipal offices will occupy the lower floor, while the remaining space will be arranged for modern offices. About \$100,000 will be spent for this improvement.

DRIVES OUT OWNER

Drunk, With Knife and "Knocks," Cleans Out Pawning Shop.

Hull Street, in the vicinity of Twelfth, was thrown into an uproar last night by the action of a drunken man who twice entered the cleaning and pawning establishment of A. D. Dabney, colored, chasing the occupants in all directions. The man, a



preparations will be made. The civil docket is extremely heavy.

At Swansboro Court To-Day.

The regular weekly session of the Swansboro Magistrate Court will be held this morning in Milby's Hall, Squire S. G. Cowan, of Bon Air, will be on the bench. Among the cases to be heard is one against William Tingle and Dolphus Frith, who are charged with cruelty to animals. These men were last week fined \$5 each for slaughtering an ox on the Sabbath day. The second offense is alleged to have occurred when the men were taking the animal to the pen.

Negro Man Attack of Vertigo.

While driving along the street, John H. Carter, colored, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock was seized with an attack of vertigo and fell from his seat to the ground near Fourth and Decatur Streets. He was knocked unconscious by the fall and it was some time before he regained his senses. The city ambulance was summoned, but before its arrival the man was taken by friends to his home near Granite. His injuries, other than a severe bump on the head, were slight.

Goed to Roads for Theft.

On a charge of stealing a bag of feed from Justis Mills James Austin, colored, was yesterday sent to the roads for ninety days by Justice H. A. Maurice in Police Court, Part 2.

James Bray and wife, a colored couple, were fined \$2.50 and costs each for allowing their domestic difficulties to take place in the public streets.

Dunker Harman, charged with trespass, was dismissed upon payment of costs.

Attend Meeting To-Night.

Every member of the South Richmond Democratic Club is urged to attend to-night's meeting in Fraternal Hall. Plans for the parade to celebrate the election of Woodrow Wilson will be made. It is the hope of President Carter C. Jones to have the Southside represented by a large contingent in previous civic parades South Richmond has always been well represented, but on this occasion they must outdo themselves.

To Entertain State President.

Washington Camp, No. 32, Patriotic Sons of America, will have an official dinner to-night for State President William H. Rice. An elaborate program has been prepared. Refreshments will be served.

Henderson Lodge, No. 105, I. O. O. F., last night entertained Jefferson Rebekah Lodge of Ladies at their rooms in Toney's Hall. The wives and families of the members were present, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Porter Street Presbyterian Church last night served a delicious oyster supper at the Manse. A large number of persons were present and enjoyed the meal.

Give Up Hope of Improvement.

Hopes of a speedy widening of Hull Street between the Atlantic Coast Line and the corporate limits have gone a glimmering. Although the city has owned the property, which will be added to the street, for more than a month, and the houses have been moved back, no word of work has been done on the part of the street department. Meanwhile the daily mishaps of loaded teams sinking in the ruts, getting tangled with cars and other vehicles, blocking traffic, and otherwise inconveniencing users of the street continue.

Thrift—Payee.

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Culpeper, Va., November 14.—Miss Mary Alice Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Johnson, and Stephen Jerome Sprague, of Washington, were married at an early hour this morning at the home of the bride's parents, on Main Street. The ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. J. H. Crum, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, was witnessed by relatives only. Immediately after the ceremony a breakfast was served, Mr. and Mrs. Sprague leaving later for Pennsylvania.

Through her mother Mrs. Sprague is descended from the Ash family, and her father, who was a member of the well-known Confederate leaders, Dick and Turner Ashby, of Fauquier.

Engagement Announced.

Charlotte Courthouse, Va., November 14.—David Rice announces the engagement and approaching marriage of his daughter, Sarah Rebecca, to Richard V. Scott, Jr., of Eastville. The marriage will take place the last of the month.

Charles—Clyde.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Bristol, Va., November 14.—Miss Emma Clyde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clyde, of Washington, County, was married to Paul C. Proctor, of Bristol, on to-day.

NEGRO IS LYNCHED

Ocala, Fla., November 14.—"Preach" Nels, the negro arrested for the murder of Miss Mary Stevenson and her grandfather, J. B. Berger, aged eighty, and assault on the person of William A. Nels, was lynched here this afternoon. A mob of more than 200 surrounded the jail, and after overpowered the jailer took the negro. He was hanged from the gallows. He had been in jail for some time, and was charged with the murder of a white woman.

Will Hear Argument To-Day.

Evidence was fully heard yesterday in the suit of Bailey v. Bailey, in the Circuit Court. The case will be argued and submitted to the jury to-day on the issue of a writ of habeas corpus.

Town Ends by Compromise.

The October term of Hustings Court, Part 2, ended yesterday afternoon, the suit of Walker & Mosby against Isaac Hutzler, which was set for trial this morning having been compromised. The November term will be convened Monday morning. A grand jury has been summoned. Several important

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